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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" A separate question may be put."

Report on the working of the Prohibition Act.

* 104 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state whether the Planning Commission has asked this Government for any report on the working of the Prohibition Act in this State?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The answer is in the affirmative."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—" சர்க்காரால் இந்தமாதிரி ஒரு வருஷத்தில் 60 ஆயிரம் பேர்கள் மதுவிலக்குச் சட்டத்தின் கீழ் கைது செய்யப்படுகிறார்கள் என்ற அடிப்படையைப் பார்க்கும்போது மதுவிலக்கு தோற்றுவிட்டது என்று அர்த்தமாகிறது. ஆகவே ஆந்தராவில் நியமித்தது போல் ஒரு கமிட்டி நியமிக்க . . ."

MR. SPEAKER :—" நீங்கள் மூலக் கேள்வியைப் பார்த்து சப்ளிமெண்டரி கேள்வி கேட்கவேண்டும்."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—" இந்த அடிப்படையில் நமது சர்க்கார் மத்திய சர்க்காருக்கு என்ன ரிப்போர்ட் கொடுத்திருக்கிறார்கள் ? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The hon. Member wants to know the nature of the report. The report covers nearly 80 pages."

SRI T. SHANMUGAM :—" Sir, முன்பெல்லாம் நீரா பார்லர் திறப்பார்களே ? இப்பொழுது என் திறக்கப்படுவதில்லை என்று தெரியவில்லை." (Laughter.)

MR. SPEAKER :—" Order, order."

Non-issue of cheques by certain courts.

* 105 *Q.*—SRI K. M. SEETHI SAHIB : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that issue of cheques has been suspended by certain courts in North Malabar for amounts due to parties owing to the non-receipt of cheque books from Government;

(*b*) whether such a thing has ever happened in the past;

(*c*) the reason for the same now; and

(*d*) for how many months the requests of courts for cheque books have been pending disposal?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (*b*) The answer is in the negative.

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" (c) The reason for non-issue of cheques by certain courts was due to the fact that the stock of cheque books with them was exhausted. The cheque books could not be printed and supplied in time for want of the required paper. They have since been supplied to the mufassal courts.

" (d) The requests for supply of cheque books were pending from two to five months."

SRI KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE :—" May I know whether cheque books are printed here in the Madras State and whether the paper is manufactured in our State?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Cheque books are printed here but the paper is imported from outside our country."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" There was considerable hardship on account of the delay in the supply of cheque books and the parties who got orders could not get money from the court for want of cheque books. Will the Government have forethought at least in future and make these cheque books available in abundance to courts?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I could very well realize the inconvenience caused to the parties and I am sorry for it. We shall take measures to see that hereafter such a thing does not occur."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" சர்க்காரால் நபர்களுக்குக் கொடுக்க வேண்டிய பணம் இரண்டு மாதத்திலிருந்து ஐந்து மாதம்வரை கொடுக்கப்படவில்லை. இந்த கால தாமதத்திற்கு சர்க்காரே பொறுப்பானதால் அந்தப் பணத்திற்கு வட்டி போட்டுக் கொடுப்பதற்கு சர்க்கார் உத்தேசிக்குமா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am glad the hon. Leader of the Opposition is acting as a lawyer for those clients. If he issues a lawyer's notice, I shall consider it."

Retrenchment of attenders in Civil Supplies Department, Kozhikode.

* 106 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that on 8th August 1954, 21 attenders working in the Government godowns in Kozhikode under the Civil Supplies Department were retrenched even without their arrear of salary being paid to them ; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) Twenty-one attenders were appointed for storage work in Kozhikode on the 1st June 1954 and discharged on the 8th June 1954 (and not on 8th August 1954).